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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, March 26

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 414 Revise records regarding involuntary commitment of developmentally disabled	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
*HB 729 Amend county advertising requirements	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 771 Revise actuarial valuations and reporting for retirement systems	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 818 Appropriations for legislative branch	Room 317	8:00 a.m.
HB 819 Appropriations for judicial branch	Room 317	8:00 a.m.
HB 820 Biennial funding for certain executive branch agencies	Room 317	8:00 a.m.
HJ 13 Encourage oil and gas development	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HJ 19 Urge facilitated access to health care information for families	Room 317A	3:00 p.m.
SB 218 Sequestration standards for carbon dioxide	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 418 Revise distribution of lodging facility use taxes	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 432 Generally revise biodiesel laws	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 533 Adjust date of TIF valuation -- delaying circumstances	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SB 539 Revise property tax appeal and create property tax protest reserve fund	Room 152	9:00 a.m.
SJ 4 Support funding for Secure Rural School and Community Self-determination Act	Room 137	3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27

HB 112 Prescribe duties and authority of fire chiefs	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 265 Clarify vote requirements for planning board	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
*HB 426 Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 514 Prohibit sexual contact of facilities staff & residents	Room 303	8:00 a.m.
HB 738 Revise work comp law for claim closure and medical services rates	Room 422	9:00 a.m.

HB 826	Study protested taxes	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HJ 39	Study economic development	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 404	Revise liability for wildland fires	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 406	Revise law on removal of signatures from petitions for predator levies	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
SB 451	Liability for cleanup of insured damaged property	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 523	Revise court of record	Room 137	8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 28

HB 583	Revise opencut mining law	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HB 728	Expedite application review for permits	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
HJ 40	Urge Congress to prioritize regional water projects	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
SB 159	Include drug use in county drinking and driving prevention programs	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 365	Revise laws related to water distribution and water commissioners	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 403	Revise property tax exemption for disabled veterans	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
SB 508	Refundable income tax credit for statewide school mills	Room 137	3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

SB 437	Establish criteria for the office of sheriff	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
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Friday, March 30

SB 129	Revise truancy laws	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 225	May choose new mill levy election date after legislative session	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
SB 233	Allow multiple counties to create museum districts	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
SB 414	Clarify application of motor carrier law in certain cities and towns	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
SB 525	Clarify duties of state treasurer regarding deposit of tax and fees	Room 152	8:00 a.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

“General bills” is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6-8:	Break
April 10:	Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

* Indicates the bill is probably dead.

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
*HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	Tabled in Committee	3/14
→ →				(H) Appropriations	

*HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	Tabled in Committee	3/14
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	(H) Sent to Enrolling	3/21
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	(S) Hearing	3/22
*HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	(S) Committee Report	3/19
→ →				Bill Concurred	
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	(H) Sent to Enrolling	3/21
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	(S) Committee Report	3/20
→ →				Bill Concurred	
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/12
*HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive Nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	(S) Hearing	3/13
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	(S) Committee Report	3/21
→ →				Bill Concurred	
*HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	(S) Hearing	3/27
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(S) Hearing	3/08
*HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	Tabled in Committee	3/20
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
*HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 561	Revise County bonding authority	6-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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*HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	(S) Hearing	3/26
*HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	(S) Returned from Enrolling	3/23
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Referred to Committee	3/07
→ →				(H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks	
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing	3/16
SB 155	Older Montanan's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Referred to Committee	3/08
→ →				(H) Appropriations	
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	(H) Hearing	3/19
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	(H) Hearing	3/20
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	(H) Hearing	3/22
*SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	(H) Committee Report	3/22
→ →				Bill Concurred	
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	(H) Hearing	3/23
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09

Newly Introduced Bills

HB 817	Fund satellite delivery of public television
HB 819	Appropriations for judicial branch

HB 823	Distribute oil and gas funds to counties
HB 826	Study protested taxes
HB 827	Revise pension plans for new hires
HB 828	Study carbon sequestration
HB 830	Appropriate money for construction & maintenance of public buildings and systems
HB 832	Revise tax increment financing laws - targeted economic development
HB 833	20-20 tax plan -- school mills income tax credit and increase exemption amount
HB 836	Grants to municipalities and counties for certain infrastructure and equipment
HJ 46	Interim study of election laws
HJ 48	Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs
HJ 49	Study distributed energy
HJ 50	Study mental health precommitment process
SB 549	Revise property tax classification criteria of certain agricultural land
SB 550	Revise local government study commission laws and tax provisions
SB 554	Sales tax with property tax reform, school funding, and income tax credits
SB 555	Refundable income tax credit for statewide school mills
SJ 26	Interim study of zoning and land use planning